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Snohomish Co. massage therapist surrenders credential for sexual misconduct

OLYMPIA — Snohomish County massage practitioner Judson Karl Lentz (MA60206865) has agreed to permanently surrender his credential to practice as a massage therapist in Washington.

Lentz touched a female client in a sexual manner, touching her breasts and genital area. He pleaded guilty in King County Superior Court to third degree attempted assault with sexual motivation, a gross misdemeanor.

Lentz cannot practice massage as a massage practitioner, and is never to resume the practice of massage in the state of Washington, including any temporary, emergency, or volunteer practice.

The statement of charges, summary action order, amended statement of charges and agreed order can be seen online by clicking the link to "<u>Provider Credential Search</u>" on the <u>Department of Health website</u>; copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

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